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District Heights Woman Sentenced in Forged Check Case

Washington, D.C. - Renee Anding, 22, of Hil Mar Drive, District Heights, MD, was sentenced today for uttering a forged security of an organization, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and Acting U.S. Postal Inspector in Charge Philip Bartlett. U.S. District Judge James Robertson sentenced Anding to five years of probation, a \$3,000 fine, and 100 hours of community service.

Anding admitted during a prior plea hearing that on or about November 1, 2007, she presented a check to a cashier at a Wachovia Bank branch in Washington, D.C. The check was drawn on the account of Venable, LLP, a law firm with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., and offices in other states. The check, dated October 30, 2007, was payable to Sprint in the amount of \$17,538.02. The check had been altered by the addition of the name Renee Anding as part of the payee information without the permission of Venable, LLP. Anding had been asked to utter the check by others. Anding endorsed the check, but she knew there was something wrong with the request for her to utter the check.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips and Acting U. S. Postal Inspector in Charge Bartlett commended the work of U.S. Postal Inspector Dean Davis, who investigated the case. They also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Zeno as well as Paralegal Specialist Carolyn Cody of the Fraud and Public Corruption Section.

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